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Dear Sir:

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

We are the inventors of the invention described in the above-identified U.S. patent application and, therefore, we are thoroughly familiar with the subject matter of the invention. We are employed by Microsoft Corporation, the assignee of the above-identified U.S. patent application.

The technical article “Attention Sensitive Alerting in Computing Systems” published by Microsoft Corporation has been cited against the above-identified U.S. patent application. The publication date of the aforementioned technical article is July 1999, which is less than one year before March 16, 2000, the effective filing date of the above-identified U.S. patent application.

The aforementioned technical article “Attention Sensitive Alerting in Computing Systems” is attributable to us, the below named inventors. We are the inventors of both the above-identified U.S. patent application and the aforementioned technical article. In other words, the aforementioned technical article describes the work of and is thus derived from us, the below named inventors, and this same work is described in the above-identified U.S. patent application.

It is also noted that the assignee of the above-identified U.S. application and the publisher of the aforementioned technical article are the same entity: Microsoft Corporation.

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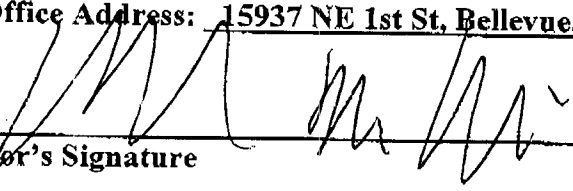
  
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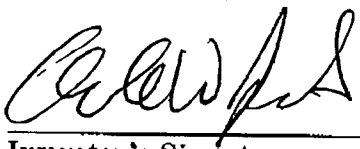
  
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